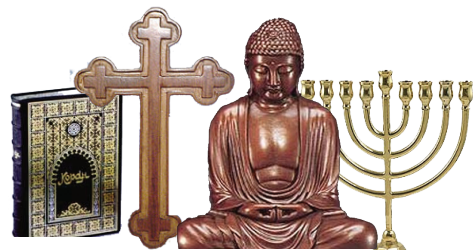


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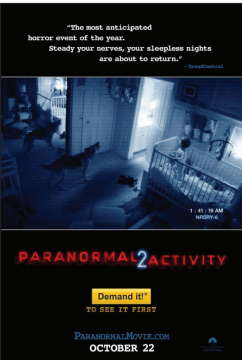
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Dangerous drinks banned on LVC campus

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Lebanon Valley College has joined a growing list of colleges and universities across the country that have banned the controversial drink Four Loko.

"Due to the dangerous nature of this alcoholic beverage, we are instituting an immediate update to the college policy governing the consumption of alcohol on LVC property. Effective immediately, Four Loko is a prohibited beverage, regardless of age," Vice President for Student Affairs Gregory H. Krikorian said in a campus-wide e-mail last week.

"College campuses in the area and around the country — including LVC — are seeing significant numbers of

students who have required medical treatment as a result of consuming this alcoholic beverage. Drinking alcohol with energy drinks is dangerous, given the inherent risk in mixing alcohol, a depressant, with stimulants. Stimulants mask the depressant effects of the alcohol, allowing the person to consume even more alcohol and thus, delaying feelings of drunkenness," Krikorian's statement continued.

Four Loko is a drink that mixes alcohol and caffeine: A 23.5-ounce can contains the equivalent of six standard servings of alcohol and five cups of coffee. A malt beverage available in a variety of flavors, Four Loko combines alcohol with stimulants like caffeine, guarana and taurine.

Known as "blackout in a can" and "liquid cocaine," the con-



Photo courtesy of newsone.com

sumption of Four Loko has led to students being hospitalized. Some suggest the drink can be lethal.

"I decided to ban Four Loko because it seems to me the drink is an inherently dangerous cocktail that's just begging to be abused by

young people," said LVC President Stephen C. MacDonald. "An overload of alcohol and caffeine squeezed into a flavored base: a shameless concoction. I'm not a Prohibitionist; I enjoy social See **LOKO** | Page 2

"An Hero": The story behind the meme

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Readers of *La Vie* have probably seen or heard about last week's front page, specifically the picture of the late Tyler Clementi with the caption "An Hero."

Many are unaware that, in fact, the phrase is used to make fun of victims of suicide. It is what is known as an Internet "meme," which is basically a sort of cultural idea or catchphrase that spreads rapidly and is copied constantly via the Internet.

The truth is, the phrase has a tragic history of its own. It all began with the suicide of Mitchell Henderson, who was a seventh grader in Rochester, Minnesota, in 2006. The details surrounding his suicide were never disclosed, but his friends and family constructed a Myspace memorial page in his name.

In it, one comment read "He was such an hero, to take it all away. We miss him so, That you should know, And we honor him this day. He was an hero, to take that shot, to leave us all behind."

As is common in many areas of the Internet, certain users latched onto the poster's poor grammar and began using the term "an hero" to make fun of victims of suicide. The term now means "one who commits suicide over something trivial."

It is also used as a verb as a synonym for suicide, further emphasizing the grammatical error. This definition is due in part because of a rumor that Mitchell Henderson committed suicide because he lost his iPod. This rumor also began due to the false comments made by Internet bullies.

And thus the term, like so many other Internet memes, spread

across many parts of the Internet almost overnight. It survives because of the trend of "trolling," which is the act of saying something extremely absurd or offensive just to get a response. The trend has become so popular due to the anonymity allowed by the Internet, which allows users of some websites to make comments on articles or forums under complete anonymity.

It is unfortunate and sad how many individuals have chosen to make fun of things like committing suicide, and as the *La Vie* community now knows, it can have far reaching effects. The photo in last week's story, which contained a derogatory term with a sad history all its own, just serves another example of the tragic trend of cyber bullying.

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Important note from the editors:

Thank you to the LVC community for alerting us to the cultural meaning of "An Hero." On behalf of *La Vie*, we would like to apologize for the photo on the front page of the special report on social networking. We did not realize the term has a derogatory meaning.

If you care to comment, please submit a letter to the editor by e-mail to [lavie@lvc.edu](mailto:lavie@lvc.edu) or hand deliver it to our Mund office. Again, we apologize for the photo.

Sincerely,  
The *La Vie* Staff





## LOKO: Dangerous drink banned from campus

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drinking. But this is a particularly appalling case of the exploitation of a youthful market by reckless and irresponsible entrepreneurs.”

The hospitalization of an LVC student played a role in the banning of Four Loko. “Given the recent information that has become available, there are some risky consequences that especially college aged students are seeing. We would rather not take that risk,” Krikorian said.

Four Loko began as a party drink.

According to the company’s website, “In 2005, three college friends from the Ohio State University had the entrepreneurial idea to start their own company. They took out a Small Business Administration loan and put their financial resources on the line to launch Chicago-based Phusion Projects, LLC. Over the past five years, Phusion Projects, LLC has become a successful alcoholic beverage company that sells its products – Four Loko, Four MaXed and Earthquake – in more than 45 states.”

Four Loko got its name from its four drink ingredients: caffeine, taurine, guarana and alcohol. Introduced in 2008, the drink now comes in eight flavors: orange, fruit punch, lemonade, UVA (grape),

cranberry-lemonade, blue-raspberry or lemon-lime flavored alcohol.

Four Loko and similar drinks are being investigated to determine if caffeine and alcohol are a safe concoction.

Quoted on LancasterOnline.com, Dr. Mike Reihart, a Lancaster General Hospital emergency physician for the past 13 years, said he has never seen anything like Four Loko. “They’re nearly comatose from alcohol poisoning,” Reihart said of some of the patients he’s treated.

Several states are also looking into the marketing practices that Phusion Projects uses. The company denies that it markets the product to people under the age of 21.

“‘We ID’ is very clearly stated on the can. Not only is that in huge font, but the percentage of alcohol is as well,” the company declares on its website.

Another reason the drink is dangerous, experts say, is because the caffeine in the drinks suppresses the feeling of inebriation. The caffeine makes you feel wide awake, which can make a person believe they have the ability to perform a task potentially dangerous to their health.

Quoting the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention, the Boston Daily News reported that “drinkers who consume alcohol mixed with caffeinated energy drinks are three times more likely to binge drink, and twice as likely to report being taken advantage of sexually.”

“It is an exponential relationship because of what it is configured with. It has a stimulant in it, which delays the effect and then affects you later. It’s almost too late by the time you notice it,” Krikorian said in an interview with *La Vie*.

“I think it is unreasonable,” one student protested. “There are no illegal substances in Four Loko, so why can’t students who are 21 or over have it?”

“You have to drink it in moderation,” another explained. “There is a difference between drinking and overdrinking. When you are drinking Four Loko, you can ask yourself: How much of this drink have I had?” Reasons another student: “It all comes down to responsible drinking. Some people can handle it, some people can’t.”

“If kids would pace themselves and drink somewhat responsibly, it wouldn’t have this impact,” said another student. “Kids really go at it just

because it tastes so good; drinking three or four at a time. If they were smart about drinking, they’d have one and take a break or something. It’s not Four Loko’s fault in my opinion, it’s the people who don’t have enough common sense to handle it.”

One student commented, “I have heard the horror stories of Four Loko, but people should know how to drink responsibly. The fact that it is being banned from campus is ridiculous in my opinion, but like other rules that the campus has, this one will probably be broken. I think kids will want to try it more just because they will want to know why it has been banned.”

“A group of students who never thought twice about trying the drink are now interested in what this banned drink can do. Calling so much attention to the product and telling these students what it can do only makes them more determined to prove it won’t happen to them,” added another student.

LVC’s amnesty policy comes into play when discussing alcohol consumption. “Student’s health and safety is a major concern. We are always concerned that students may not seek out help as they should,” says Dean Yuhas.

The LVC policy states, “Student seeking assistance from College personnel or medical treatment for another student will receive medical amnesty (will not be subject to judicial action for alcohol violations) unless they are found to have contributed to that student’s condition.” Dean Yuhas says, “It is important they we are our brother’s keeper.”

The general alcohol policy is listed in the handbook on pages 169 to 172. Krikorian describes the policy as “Pretty straightforward... If you are under the age of 21 you may not possess or be under the influence of alcohol. If you are of age, you could have in the privacy of your own room, a reasonable amount of alcohol.

“I will give you the exact same advice that I gave to my 17-year-old son yesterday when we talked about this. I hope you make good choices; this is one that if you are offered it, you should stay away from it. If you see a friend who is having it, stay away from it, encourage them not to consume it because the impact is significant,” Krikorian says.

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## Director of Public Safety Al Yingst announces retirement

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After almost 23 years of service to the LVC community as the Director of Public Safety, Allen Yingst will be retiring after this year. Yingst first began his career here at LVC in 1988; however, he hasn’t always been in the position of the Director of Public Safety. Starting out as a building and grounds supervisor, after only a short period of employment he was asked by then president, John Synodinos, to assume the position of Director of Safety and Security on campus.

“It’s been an enjoyable experience working and being associated with the college from the early days when the college may have been perceived struggling to now one of the top small colleges in the country,” said Yingst. “I am happy to be part of that and hope in a small way contributed to the college’s success over the years.”

Throughout his years at LVC, Yingst has seen many changes to the community here. Other than the ever-

changing student population, he has faced many changes to his position of director.

“The Director of PS is a 24/7 position. In the past, you could have some down time during the summer and breaks, but this has all changed due to the current expectations of the campus community of the PSO operations,” said Yingst.

Yingst has formed many relationships on campus. Whether it be co-workers or students, they have made his experience here enjoyable. Yingst is a much respected figure on campus by both co-workers and students.

“I have worked for Al for almost 5 years,” said Larry McLucas, Public Safety supervisor. “It was both a pleasure and an honor to work for him over the course of that time. I wish him happiness in his retirement.”

Not only has Yingst seen many students pass through, he has also been blessed with the relationships formed with different LVC presidents.

“Al Yingst has done an outstanding job as Director of Public Safety at the

College over the past 20 years,” said President Stephen MacDonald. “He has been a model of hard work, reliability, good judgment and common sense. Al has led his department very effectively, and he has been a dependable counselor to three LVC presidents. We will miss Al, and we all wish him well in his retirement.”

“I think I speak for everyone in the Public Safety Office when I say that Director Yingst will be greatly missed. Dir. Yingst, over the years, has touched the lives of many students and faculty members. Although this is a special occasion for Dir. Yingst, a number of us, including me, have mixed emotions about it,” said Brian Boyer, Public Safety supervisor. “I wish Dir. Yingst only the best in his future endeavors and hope that he makes regular appearances on campus to keep in touch with all of us in the LVC community. Dir. Yingst is a wonderful person and he has made me a better person by just being around him.”

Yingst has left a lasting impact on the LVC community and will be



Photo by Justin Roth '14 / LA VIE

missed in the years to follow. On behalf of the *La Vie* staff and student body, we wish Yingst the greatest in his retirement, and we hope to see him around campus as he will always be welcome here.

When asked about leaving the campus, Yingst had many things to say; however, this is his message: “Enjoy your time at LVC, God Bless, thank you to all for your friendships.”

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### Corrections & Clarifications

It is our continuing goal to provide readers with complete and accurate information. To that end, we welcome and encourage notification of any mistakes. Readers who wish to submit corrections should send an email to [lavie@lvc.edu](mailto:lavie@lvc.edu), subject line: *Corrections*.

## NEWS



# CAMPUS CRIMEWATCH

*All information courtesy of the LVC Department of Public Safety*

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## 11-1-10 | Campus

### Harassment

Unauthorized attempts to access student email accounts occurred.

## 11-3-10 | Campus

### Suspicious Persons

Guests intimidating residents were called in.

## 11-4-10 | UG

### Incident Services

Students were asked to leave the UG.

## 11-4-10 | Campus

### Drug Laws

A bong and questionable-substance smoking was called in.

## 11-4-10 | UG

### Disturbance

A student was escorted from the UG.

*Please report any suspicious activity to Public Safety at x6111.*

# Student Government Update 11.8.10

## Hearts for Haiti event, senior portraits coming up

### ABBY TOMLINSON '12

### KEVIN GARRITY '13

LA VIE STAFF WRITERS

During Monday's SG meeting, President Stephen MacDonald discussed that approval has been given to the start of Mund renovations and that groundbreaking will be held tomorrow.

MacDonald invited the entire campus community to attend this important event. MacDonald anticipates the project being completed in the spring of 2012.

The annual Albright football game is being held this Saturday. As may be known, there is a standing tradition: If LVC beats Albright, no classes will be held on November 24, the half day before Thanksgiving. Come out and support the team.

Kayla Fulfer '12 and Caitlin Murphy '12 approached SG con-

cerning the Hearts for Haiti event this upcoming Sunday. This event starts at 5 p.m. and will include a speaker, a build challenge and the LVC's Best Dance Crew (to take place in the UG). The winners of each challenge will receive gift cards or a cash prize. To sign up, look for the Hearts for Haiti table in the lobby of Mund College Center during lunch hours. Teams must include five to 10 people and \$5 per person. All proceeds go straight to the Haiti Relief.

Seniors have the opportunity to get Senior Portraits November 16 to 19. If this time does not accommodate your schedule, a second chance will be available in February. Please look for signs in Mund College Center if you are interested.

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# From LVC to the Governor's Mansion

## *Graduate to be our next state governor*

### ANGELA DEON '11

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LVC's own Tom Corbett '71 was elected Tuesday, Nov. 2, as the 46th Governor of Pennsylvania. His wife, Susan Manbeck Corbett '72, will accompany her husband as Pennsylvania's next first lady.

The new Republican Governor-Elect Corbett and his future wife met in 1968 at LVC. Three years later, Corbett received his undergraduate degree in political science. The couple married the next year after Susan received her bachelor's degree in English.

During his time on campus, Corbett was a member of the lacrosse team, a lifeguard and a member of Phi Lambda Sigma—a

social fraternity founded in 1867. He also served in the Pennsylvania National Guard 28th Infantry Division from 1971 to 1984, advancing from private to captain.

Upon graduation, Corbett taught civics and history at Pine Grove Area High School in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. In 1975 he received his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas.

Corbett's political career began in 1980 when he became an assistant U.S. attorney and was appointed to serve as U.S. Attorney by President George H.W. Bush from 1988 to 1992. Corbett was elected as Pennsylvania Attorney General in 1995 to 1997 and then re-elected in 2004.

Susan began her career teach-

ing senior English in Northern Lebanon School District. She then dedicated several years to raising their two children, Tom and Katherine (Kate). Tom is a graduate at Carnegie Mellon University. Kate is a prosecutor in the Philadelphia District Attorney's office.

Although their days at LVC have passed, Tom and Susan Corbett are still dedicated alumni of the College. Corbett received the 2008 Distinguished Alumnus Award from LVC and the couple still visits the campus. LVC is proud to have one of their own elected as the next Governor of Pennsylvania.

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# Social justice institute accepting applications

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The Office of Multicultural Affairs is currently accepting applications for the Fourth Annual Social Justice Institute (SJI) which will be held Jan. 13 to 15, 2011.

The three-day leadership institute scheduled over winter break includes modules in many areas of social justice including ableism, sexism, racism, heterosexism and classism. By participating in the workshops, students will be more understanding of the meanings of discrimination, prejudice and oppression and will be able to explain the differences between them and celebration/appreciation of diversity.

Venus Ricks, director of Multicultural Affairs, says attending SJI, which is specific to LVC, is an eye-opener. "[SJI] is a wonderful oppor-

tunity...It's important for anyone to have this experience."

In the past, LVC students spent one day in New York City, where they were able to visit agencies that dealt with many social justice issues, including homeless shelters and Lesbian Gay Bi Transgender (LGBT) groups.

New to SJI is, instead of the NYC trip, the opportunity to not only visit agencies in Washington D.C. but also visit the Holocaust Museum.

Besides gaining awareness of diversity and the trip to Washington D.C., students who participate are also eligible for the campus-based social justice honor society, *Pallas Society*, will fulfill most requirements for the EDGE Certificate in Diversity and Social Justice and can use the institute as a resume enhancer.

Students can access applications

online or pick up applications at the College Center Desk. Applications are due to Deb Bishop at the College Center Desk by Monday, Nov. 29.

For more information and for an application, visit [www.lvc.edu/multicultural-affairs/social-justice-institute.aspx](http://www.lvc.edu/multicultural-affairs/social-justice-institute.aspx) or email Ricks at [ricks@lvc.edu](mailto:ricks@lvc.edu).

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# Features

## Hearts for Haiti team challenge night

*Students will participate in fundraising event*

**CAITLIN MURPHY '12**  
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Hello, we are the Hearts for Haiti community service group here at LVC. We are a group of sophomore and junior women devoted to helping disaster-stricken Haiti. We work with our parent organization, Practical Compassion, out of Lebanon County, to raise funds with the hopes of building schools, medical facilities, clinics, wells, etc. Practical Compassion is currently working on adding more classrooms, a library and computer lab to a school they had built a few years back. With the recent spout of Cholera and news of a hurricane, Practical Compassion is focusing some of their efforts on getting water, medicine and money to as many Haitian people as possible. They are in dire need of our help.

We would like to welcome students, faculty and administration to our first fundraising event. This coming Sunday, Nov. 14, we will host a pair of speakers and challenges that will not only spread awareness about the

plight in Haiti but will also help raise money to benefit Practical Compassion's mission. At 5 p.m. in Leedy Theater, we will welcome Rachael Windholz, a board member of PC, who has been to Haiti over six times and is currently working with BuildaBridge International to help with relief efforts in Haiti. She plans to show video clips and photographs about her experiences.

Following the presentation, we will be running a Team-Build Challenge at 5:30 p.m. in Leedy. Teams of five to 10 students have signed up for the opportunity to take a random set of materials such as cardboard, tape, scissors, rope, etc. and construct a building. This challenge represents our goal of building schools, medical facilities and other necessary structures in Haiti.

After the team with the best "structure" wins the contest, there will be an hour intermission for dinner. At 7 p.m. on the same evening in the UG, we will host LVC's Best Dance Crew. This competition will host teams of five to 10 students as well, and they will put on a musical rou-

tine. LVC's Dance team has created a special routine to perform at the event as well! Admission for this challenge is \$1 but with this donation you will receive a ballot to cast a vote for your favorite team.

Throughout the evening, we will be running a Chinese Auction of raffle baskets in Mund College Center. We will be selling baked goods as well as offering individuals the opportunity to sponsor a child in Haiti. If you are interested, please stop by Mund on Sunday, Nov. 14 anytime between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. to participate.

For more information on this event, please email House President Kayla Fulfer at kmf005@lvc.edu. You can also log onto Facebook and check out our Event to see what teams will be participating. We hope to see you there!

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## Fagbug showing in Chapel

*Journey for awareness*

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If a derogatory term such as "fag" was spray-painted on your car, how would you react? New Yorker Erin Davies decided to embrace the graffiti that was sprayed on her VW bug. Instead of removing it, she set out on a 58-day road trip through 41 states. Her objective: to start conversation, get reactions and raise awareness. Along the way, some people criticized what she was doing, while others praised it. Seven people tried to remove the graffiti, while numerous others vandalized the car further. Davies edited the footage from her trip into a film, titled *Fagbug*.

This evening, *Fagbug* will be showed in Chapel 101 at 6 p.m. The film, followed by a discussion lead by Dr. Stevie Falk, director of counseling, is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA), Counseling Service and Freedom Rings.

Christa Levko '12, president of Freedom Rings, says, "[*Fagbug*] represents one woman overcoming and showing that you can rise above [hate crimes]."

Venus Ricks, director of Multicultural Affairs, stresses that the film and discussion aren't just for people who identify themselves as part of the LGBT (lesbian gay bisexual transgender) community and for allies, but also for those who aren't supportive. "[The film] sheds light on something in our society. Homophobia is real and present."

Both Ricks and Falk cite the event as a response to Tyler Clementi's suicide and other recent teen suicides.

While no students have come

to Falk about hate crimes, she says, "[Some students] don't feel like LVC is a welcoming community because they're different. We were hoping that we could create a climate of acceptance."

Falk says the discussion will include ways to support the LGBT community, a distinction between tolerance and acceptance and what keeps students from talking, among other topics.

Similar events in the past have been held at LVC, including the showing of *Jim in Bold*, a documentary about Jim Wheeler from Lebanon, who committed suicide at age 19 due to harassment from other students because he was gay.

There are many resources available on campus for students who are victims of hate crimes or harassment, including the Bias Response Team, Counseling Services, OMA, Student Affairs and Public Safety (if you feel in danger).

Freedom Rings, a group for LGBT, questioning people and allies, has representatives available to talk on a confidential basis with students who are uncomfortable coming out.

Falk says, "[I] encourage students to pick out people they feel comfortable with [such as] professors, an RA, other students."

Campus resources are not available 24/7, so if you need help, please call one of these resources: The Trevor Project: 1-866-488-7386, Suicide Hopeline: 1-800-SUICIDE, National Hate Crime Hotline: 208-246-2292.

For coverage from the event, additional information, and more sources, visit <http://lavieonline.lvc.edu>.

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## LGBT safe zone training offered

*Students discuss gender and sexuality*

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On Tuesday, Nov. 2 and Thursday, Nov. 4, "Safe Zone" training was offered to the faculty, staff and student leaders of LVC. Led by Louie Marven, Director of Education and Youth Services at the LGBT Community Center in Harrisburg, the hour-long sessions focused on creating a safe and welcoming environment for students who are grappling with issues of sexuality and gender identity or problems with others' insensitivity.

In the session for students, Marven explained that gen-

der and sexuality do not always "match up" with what meets the eye, but ought to be respected and recognized no matter what. He went over many terms used to describe gender and sexuality, explaining that all were valid terms, the usage of which depended on the preferences of the person(s) in question.

The students and Marven got into a discussion about the recent suicide of Rutgers freshman Tyler Clementi, whose sexual encounter with another male individual was allegedly streamed online by his roommate and another classmate. Several students contributed opinions on whether or not a sexual liaison between a man and

a woman, when streamed online without permission, would create the same sort of problems, emotional issues and backlash.

All attendees of the program, many of them Resident Assistants, have been offered the opportunity to receive and display a "safe zone" sign designed by Tiffany Hubble '11. The sign, displayed on a room or office door, will let students know that the space within is a confidential, safe space in which to discuss an array of matters. Signs are available to program attendees by contacting Venus Ricks, director of Multicultural Affairs.

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### Have you seen this gorilla around campus?

Do you want to find out more about him? Check out LVC's sixth annual Music Industry Conference on November 20 to discover more!



# Arts & Entertainment

## Second *Paranormal* encounter not the same

ROSEMARY BUCHER '14  
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

I do not go to horror movies to be scared.

I go to horror movies to laugh.

I know this completely defeats the purpose of a scary movie, but the way I see it, if a horror movie is as scary as it sets out to be, I'm laughing because I'm surprised at how good it is as opposed to how corny and bad it is.

I still say that the \$8.50 I paid to go see *Paranormal Activity* last October was worth every cent. The movie itself was creepy and average all at once, but the infamous ending scene was truly the most memorable moment of the experience and one of my favorite movie moments of all time. I laughed at the fact that a movie had the skill to make me jump a little in my seat and at everyone else's reactions.

Needless to say, I was intrigued when I saw that *Paranormal Activity 2* was going to be released this year. I was even more interested when I saw how little information was being released about the sequel.

As the movie started, I had several questions in my mind: How were they going to make this movie as good as the first one? What was

going to change?

The answer? Add a baby to the mix. Instantly, the movie became predictable and boring. True, involving a child in the now expected *Paranormal Activity* plot of dragging someone out of a room, hearing weird noises and spontaneously burning objects makes the movie a little bit more complex than the first movie. But that's where the movie fails; the first movie was good because of its simplicity.

The problem with *Paranormal Activity 2* is not that it's necessarily a bad movie, but that it feels like

an afterthought or a cheap remake. It doesn't accomplish anything the first movie didn't do already. The first movie was scary because

it looked so realistic, and the effects were simple enough that people couldn't sleep after hear-

ing everyday noises like the wind. By the time the second movie was released, the novelty of the whole thing had worn off. Watching a

movie through camcorder or security footage still adds the whole idea that the movie is raw and un-

random and unexpected conclusion to the first movie.

I didn't laugh once. The over-edited, but all production was well thought out, so it didn't have that bad horror movie "C'mon! Really?" feeling, but I wasn't impressed at all. I just doesn't couldn't sleep after viewing the first match up. movie, and as a girl who doesn't get scared at horror movies, that's an achievement. People are still talking part of watching the first film, but I don't think that this movie will have the same impact on audiences. There were some scary moments, but they were mostly built off of sudden actions the audience didn't expect instead of the low-tech chills supplied by the first movie.

The most disappointed because I was the ending, just because I were some scary moments, but expected true second movie fashion, the ending was going to be bigger and better than the already spectacular ending of the first movie. I was saddened to find out that the ending, In the end, *Paranormal Activity 2*, while still a believable relation to the first film, just isn't scary enough to be a proper horror movie, and isn't bad enough to be considered a comedic failure. It just fails to impress, relying on the success of the first movie to drag in an audience, just like the movie depends on scary invisible ghosts dragging scared people out of their nice warm beds and into the unknown.

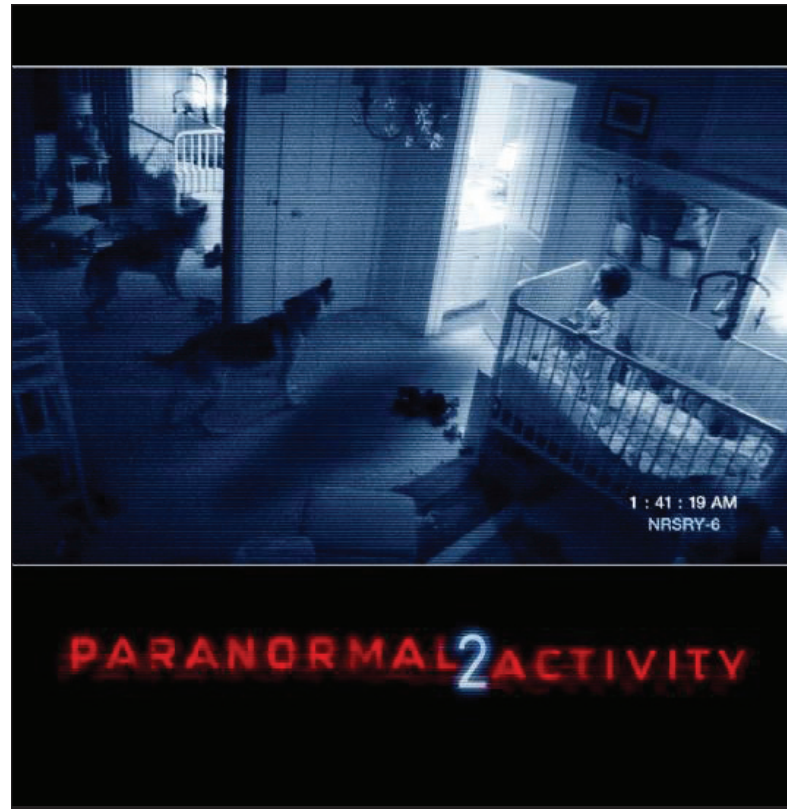


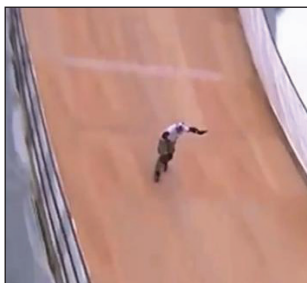
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**A PARANORMAL REPEAT?** A teaser poster (above) tries to show case some more of what made the first film installment so terrifying

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## Jump online and check out this week's viral videos

### >Video 1



**"People Are Awesome"**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vo0Cazxj\\_yc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vo0Cazxj_yc)

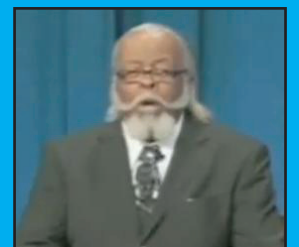
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People are just really awesome. It's a five-minute video uploaded by user Hadoukentheband on YouTube, and it has circulated over five million views since its upload date on Oct. 25. Basically, it's just a compilation of clips from many different people doing truly amazing things to the tune of "Mecha Love" by Hadouken. Clips of amazing feats include trick basketball shots from the top of towers, people doing stunts and tricks on bikes, skateboards and even wheelchairs. In my opinion, the best clip is the one of a group of men who figured out how to run on water.

-compiled by Dan Callahan '14

### >Video 2

**"The Rent is Too Damn High Party's Jimmy McMillan"**



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4o-TeMHys0>

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With Election Day just last week, I thought it'd be perfect timing to mention the viral sensation Jimmy McMillan made of himself by speaking at the NY Governor Debate on Oct. 18. The video was uploaded that same day and since then, it's gained over four million views and great popularity. Although McMillan is a registered Democrat, he considers himself to be a part of the Rent Is Too Damn High Party.



## PERSPECTIVES

## Election Commentary

*Leaders of campus groups weigh in on November 2nd election*

## College Democrats

**Oliver Lyons '11, President of Democrats**

In November 2008, Americans voted for change from the eight years of the Bush

Administration. In the two years since the 2008 election, President Obama and the Demo-

cratic Congress brought the economy back from the brink of disaster and pushed for job creation. Unfortunately, turning around the economy after eight years of failed policy takes time. The election last week showed that Americans had become impatient with the progress of the recovery. This impatience has allowed Republicans to gain control



of the House and pick up six Senate seats, resulting in a divided Congress for the next two years. Hopefully, the Republicans will realize that they must work with President Obama and the Democratic Senate to continue the fragile economic recovery. If Republicans fail to work with the President and Democratic Senate, they risk putting Americans out of work and increase the chance of a double-dip recession. For the sake of all Americans and the country, I hope the Republican House will work with President Obama and the Democratic Senate to continue the economic recovery.

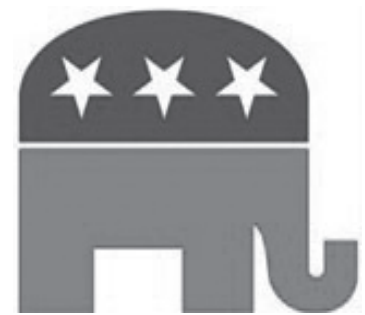
## College Conservatives

**Katie Costolnick '12, President of Conservatives****Alex de la Torre '11, Secretary of Conservatives**

On Nov. 2, voters across the nation went to the polls and made their voices heard, and their message was loud and clear: Enough is enough!

The American people are tired of the irresponsibility of our politicians in Washington and our state capitals. They are sick of the growing intrusion of big government into our private lives, their tax dollars being used to bail out corporations whose failure they had no part in and government taking over every aspect of the private sector.

John Boehner, soon to be Speaker of the House, made a clear but simple promise that he and the new majority will listen to the American people. We are well aware that they have promised this in the past,



but we will make it clear to Republicans that this is a probationary period, and if they can't listen to us,

they will be voted out as well. We hope that the Republicans will use this opportunity to undo the harm that has been done over the past decade. This means, at a minimum, stopping the deficit spending and repealing Obamacare. The American people have spoken loudly and clearly. Our prayer is that the new majority will listen.

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## Letter to the Editors

## To whom it may concern:

I just saw the newspaper and I have a bit of a concern about the picture chosen for the front page. Something I researched last year, the ideas behind "An Hero" slogans are NOT to be nice and call someone a martyr or something, but rather saying a big "Thank God you killed yourself" to the world. I think that perhaps this was a poor choice of picture in this tragic case, and ever at all. I just wanted to let you know about what this means, because I feel like you guys didn't realize it and thus I know it isn't your fault: Here's an article to show you what I mean: [http://encyclopediadramatica.com/An\\_hero](http://encyclopediadramatica.com/An_hero).

"An Hero" is also defined on Urban Dictionary as "Committing suicide over something really stupid." I'm sure you see why this "definition" is wrong and depressing from this popular gag site. I know an article within the paper talks about Trolling, which this certainly is, but I think the "An Hero" campaign should be noted somewhere. Unless I missed it, in which case sorry to mention it. I just wanted you to know about this so that perhaps you could address it in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

-Alison Reed '12



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**RAD TRAINING** During the final class, female participants in the Rape Aggression Defense Training Program practiced their newly learned defense moves in a simulation attack. Above, Katie Zwiebel '12 (our very own co-editor) protects herself from an attacker. Look for more photos online at <http://lavieonline.lvc.edu>. This was the last course of the four-week series, but keep a look out for more classes next semester



# SPORTS

## SCOREBOARD

### Men's Soccer

@ Messiah, 11/2 : L 0-2

### Women's Soccer

@ Arcadia, 11/3 : L 0-1

### Field Hockey

vs. Elizabethtown, 11/3 : W 4-2

### Volleyball

vs. Messiah, 11/3 : W 3-2

### Ice Hockey

vs. Drexel, 11/5 : L 3-4

### Football

@ Lycoming, 11/6 : W 28-14

### Field Hockey

@ Messiah, 11/6 : L 2-5

### Men's Swimming

vs. DeSales, 11/6 : W 180-31

### Women's Swimming

vs. DeSales, 11/6 : W 186-50

### Volleyball

@ Elizabethtown, 11/6 : W 3-0

## Men's and women's soccer fall in CC playoffs

**ALYSSA WARGO '11**  
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After a strong season of regular series play, LVC Men's and Women's Soccer fell in the Commonwealth Conference playoffs. However, both teams are looking to further their play in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC), to begin this week.

On Wednesday, Nov. 3, the women's regular season ended with a win by Arcadia over the Dutchmen 1-0. The game was decided by a single goal in the second half, which was enough to give Arcadia the win. Junior Sami Young, biology major, had an impressive game as keeper. She had nine saves, which is one less than her season high. Sophomore Nicole Snyder, a physical therapy major, and freshman Lindi Crist, also a physical therapy major, each had two shots on goal to lead the team. The team ended their season with a record of 10-8-2.

Senior Julie Vonhauser, captain and a psychobiology major, said, "The loss at the playoff game was tough, but I know that we didn't give up, which is all that matters! This is the most talented group of girls that I have played with out of all four years I have been here, and I expect more successful seasons to come!"

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, men's soccer fell to No. 1 Messiah. LVC's defense was strong in the first half, allowing only one of Messiah's nine shots at goal to reach the back of the net. Graduate student Justin Hutchinson, junior Chris Hall and sophomore Andrew Cooper each had two shots for the Dutchmen, while sophomore Kelly Hess had one. The men ended their season with a record of 9-8-1.

On Monday, Nov. 8, both teams were notified about making the ECAC's.

The women's team earned a bid to the ECAC South Women's Soccer Championship as an eighth place team. On Wednesday, Nov.

17, the team will travel to Maryland to Frostburg State, who boasts a 15-4 record. It is LVC's fourth appearance in the game in program history.

The winner of the game will go on to play the winner of Alvernia versus Cabrini on Saturday at the highest remaining seed.

The men's team earned reached the ECAC South Men's Soccer Championship for the fourth time in program history. Lebanon Valley College Men's Soccer also appeared in the ECAC tournament in 2002, 2004, and 2009. The Dutchmen reached the semifinals in the 2002 and 2009 seasons.

This year, the fifth-ranked Flying Dutchmen travel to fourth-ranked Stevenson University in Maryland today for a 1:30 game.

The winner of that game will play the winner of Penn State Behrend and Bethany at the highest remaining seed on Saturday.

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## Schedule

### Wednesday, 11/3

Women's Soccer  
@ Frostburg State, 5 p.m.

### Friday 11/12

Men's and Women's Swimming  
vs. King's, 6 p.m.

### Ice Hockey

vs. Penn State Berks, 7 p.m.

### Volleyball

vs. Ithaca at Frostburg,  
12:30 p.m.

### Saturday, 11/13

### Football

vs. Albright, 1 p.m.

### Ice Hockey

@ Scranton, 1 p.m.

### Field Hockey

vs. Cortland State/UMass-Dartmouth, 2 p.m.

Men's and Women's Cross Country @ NCAA Regionals,  
TBA

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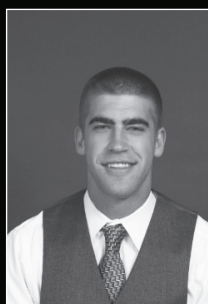
### ANGELA KUPERAVAGE VOLLEYBALL

Junior Angela Kuperavage leads the volleyball team in defense with 528 digs. Kuperavage had 17 digs in the team's tournament vs. Elizabethtown in the Commonwealth Conference Championship match on Saturday, Nov. 6, naming her tournament MVP.



### MATT LILLIS FOOTBALL

Senior corner-back Matt Lillis caught two interceptions at Lycoming on Saturday, Nov. 6, one of which he returned 90 yards for a touchdown. The team went on to defeat Lycoming 28-14, breaking the Warrior's undefeated home season.



## Ice hockey suffers first loss late

### Injuries play role in hockey loss

**KEVIN GARRITY '12**  
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In a very heated game on Friday evening, the Lebanon Valley ice hockey team suffered their first loss of the season to Drexel. Only a short 20 seconds after freshman Tyler Skroski tied the game with less than three minutes to go, Drexel scored the final goal to win the game 4-3.

The other two LVC goals are credited to Matthew Conroy '12 assisted by Matthew Kisiday '12 early in the first and the other to Nick Schultz '12 assisted by both Corey Conte '11 and Skroski halfway through the second.

While the first loss of the season is not their proudest moment for the ice hockey team, they know that they had a very tough challenge in the Drexel game. With Kyle Stewardson '12 and Tim Bodenheimer '12



Photo courtesy of Tim Flynn

**STOPPABLE** Senior goalie Rich Drazin made a season high 46 saves in the 4-3 loss to Drexel

out with shoulder injuries and Shane Golden '14 out with a concussion, the team was down a few men. On top of that, in the first period, Brad Surdam '11 had the back of his neck cut by a skate, leading to a trip to the

hospital.

With five stitches inside, 12 outside, and the first loss of the season, Surdam and the rest of the Dutchmen may have been a little shaken, but the game brought some good. Rich Dra-

zin '11 made 46 saves, his most in a game this season, and the fans were very into the game, especially after Drazin stopped all Dragon shots on their three powerplays as they lead in shots 17-7 over the Dutchmen.

When asked to comment on the game, one fan states, "Skroski's goal was great...Top shelf, like where mom hides the cookies."

The ice hockey team will host Penn State Berks this Friday in the Hershey Park Arena at 7 p.m. If this game is anything like their last, it will turn out to be a great one, considering LVC's 7-3 victory over Penn State Berks in October.

The ice hockey team also travels to the University of Scranton on Saturday, Nov. 13th for a one o'clock game.

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# SPORTS

## Swimming success

DAN CALLAHAN '14  
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The LVC swim team hosted the DeSales University club program this past Saturday, with both the men's and women's teams beating up on the Bulldogs. The men won 180-31, and the women won 186-50. Not only did the LVC welcome 17 more MAC-qualifying times, but three records were set by two freshmen women swimmers.

Alicia Hain '14 broke sophomore teammate Kristen Zartman's record for the 400-meter freestyle by two seconds, with a time of 5:02.94. Julia Mongeau '14 set two records on Saturday, one in the 200-meter breaststroke with a time of 2:58.04 and the other in the 200-IM, where she touched the wall in 2:39.90. Gina Fontana originally set this record in 1993, which was the longest standing meter record in all of the women's events.

When asked about her success so far this season, Mongeau replied, "Coming into swimming this year I just decided to take times on the record board and set them as my goal. The team really helps you get the time you want whether it's a record, a MAC championship qualifying time, or just a personal best, everyone cheers for everyone no matter what. They all watch the clock and your race and get just as excited as you do"

Overall, LVC received wins in all but two events. For the men, winners and qualifiers included Matt Dwyer '14, Tony Shipkowski '11, Devon Stutzman '13, Jeffrey Bush '11, John Denniston '14, Erik Brandt '13, John Heenan '12, Ryan Humphries '12 and Brett Wimmer '11. In the women's events, Julia Mongeau '14, Alicia Hain '14, Krysteena Koller '14, Kelsey Sherman '12 and Kristen Zartman '13 won their individual events and met MAC standards.

LVC will face MAC opponent King's College on Friday at 6 p.m.

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## Football wins fourth straight

LAUREN SCOTT '12  
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The LVC football team improved its record to 5-4 after clinching its fourth victory in a row while playing Lycoming College on the road. The win also improved the team's MAC record to 4-2.

The game marked a match-up of the top two running backs in the MAC, LVC's Ben Guiles '12 and Lycoming's Josh Kleinfelter. Guiles had two touchdowns during the game and 110 yards, breaking the single-season rushing record at 1,143 and also completing his 10th career 100-yard game. Lycoming's Kleinfelter left the game due to injury on the Warrior's second drive.

The Warriors had been undefeated at home prior to the Dutchmen victory, in which LVC took a commanding 21-0 lead in the first half. Thanks to quick hands to collect Lycoming turnovers, touchdowns were made by Guiles, Tim Picerno '12 and Matt Lillis '11,



Photo courtesy of GoDutchmen.com

who returned a 90-yard interception, the second longest in school history.

LVC only turned the ball over once in the game, and Lyco was unable to catch up from the lead, only scoring two touchdowns in the game.

Freshman Sean Fakeete was 4-for-4 on PATs. Alex Gilchrist '12 had 1.5 sacks on five tackles and classmate Jur'ey Fowlkes '11 led LVC with eight tackles, his career-high.

Senior Caleb Fick accumulated 186 passing yards and a touchdown in the game. With 5,659 career yards currently, Fick needs 276 yards to become LVC's all-time leading passer by yardage.

On Saturday, Nov. 13, Lebanon Valley College will host rival Albright (5-4) in a Middle Atlantic Conference contest in hopes of improving their record to 6-4, creating a possibility for an appearance in the ECAC Bowl.

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## Back to back to back for VB

SHERAE JONES '11  
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Tick-tack-toe, three in a row! Well, that's usually what is said for the game tic-tac-toe, but it now can be said for LVC Women's Volleyball Team. The Flying Dutchmen got their third straight Commonwealth Conference Championship on Saturday against Elizabethtown. However, the road to get there was challenging.

Last Wednesday (11/3) in the Commonwealth Conference semifinals, the team found themselves engaged in a very intense match with Messiah. The Falcons defeated LVC in the first two sets (20-25, 20-25). The Dutchmen then made a comeback in the third set, defeating Messiah 25-22 and



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then winning the last two sets (25-12, 15-13). Seniors Joelle Snyder and Michelle Little led the team in hitting percentage with .319 and .289. LVC had 64 kills, 20 from Emily Hopkins '11, 18 from Snyder and 15 from Little. Senior Emily Perkins had 51 assists and junior Angela Kuperavage had 31 digs. The win helped the team advance to the Commonwealth Conference Championship Game

against Elizabethtown.

LVC defeated the Blue Jays 3-0 to take the conference title for the third year in a row. The scores were 26-24, 25-13 and 25-16. Kuperavage had 17 digs while Perkins had 10 digs with 42 assists. Snyder added 15 kills. Kuperavage was also named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

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## Field hockey falls to No. 1 Messiah

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The Dutchmen field hockey team defeated Elizabethtown on Wednesday, Nov. 3.

Scorers of the game included two goals from Jocelyn Novak '12, who broke her record for goals in a season as she collected her 36th of the year. Caitlin Vasey '13 knocked in her 21st goal of the year and Shelly Lobach '11 knocked one in early in the second half.

E-town scored two in the second half, but Novak knocked in another, securing a 4-2 victory for the Dutchmen.

Junior Christine Poletti had three saves in the game. LVC led in shots (21-7) and corners (9-8).

The win led the Dutchmen to play Messiah on Saturday in the Commonwealth Conference championships, creating a competition of the top two teams in the nation. The game marked the sixth consecutive year the two teams faced each other for the CC title.

Prior to the game, the Dutchmen had only one loss this season, an overtime heartbreaker verses the Falcons on Oct. 20.

Messiah took a 2-0 lead early in the game, but things were started to turn around when sophomore Kelsey Miller cut the lead in half four minutes after the Falcons' second goal. After returning from a hit to the mouth, which resulted in 25 stitches, Novak added another goal from sophomore Vasey's assist at 44:19, which tied the game.

Unfortunately, Messiah took off in the second half, scoring three unanswered goals.

Messiah led 27-15 on shots and 10-7 on corners.

Although the team did not win the Commonwealth Conference bid, the team reached their sixth-straight NCAA berth via the bracket announced Monday.

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